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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lingyu Zhu *et al.*

Confirmation No. 5561

Serial No.: 10/629,892

Group Art Unit: 1653

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Examiner: To be Assigned

For: METHODS OF USING NON-HUMAN ANIMAL APOLIPOPROTEIN A-I  
PROTEIN Attorney Docket No.: 10173-084-999

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Restriction Requirement mailed March 11, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned application. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 16-21, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a non-human animal ApoA-I protein and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier).

Applicants expressly reserve the right to have process claims (Groups II & III) be rejoined upon subsequent allowance of product claims (Group I) in accordance with provisions of MPEP § 821.04.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the elected claims.

Submitted concurrently herewith is a petition to extend the time for response for one (1) month, from April 11, 2004, to and including May 11, 2004, with provision for payment of the required fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R.

